

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON  
APPROPRIATIONS**

Wednesday, June 20, 2007

8:00 a.m.

Room 352, State Capitol

The House Standing Committee on Appropriations was called to order by the Chairman, Representative George Cushingberry, Jr.

Members present: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Agema, Moss and Nofs.

Members absent/excused: Representative Caswell

Representative Hood moved to excuse absent members. Representative Alma Smith supported the motion.

An Invocation was offered as a moment of silence by the Chairman.

Representative Byrnes moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting held on June 13, 2007. Representative Nofs supported the motion. Without objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Cushingberry laid before the Committee HB 4501.

HB 4501	Cushingberry	Civil procedure; costs and fees; costs and fees in the court of appeals and of court transcripts; increase.
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The Chairman called on Mitch Bean, Director of the House Fiscal Agency for explanation of the bill and to answer questions of the members.

Chairman Cushingberry recognized Chief Judge William C. Whitbeck of the Court of Appeals for further explanation and to answer questions on the bill.

Representative Gillard moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4501. Representative Byrnes supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 23-3-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Shaffer, Booher, Caul, Proos, Moss, Nofs.

NAYS: Representatives Brandenburg, Hansen, Agema.  
PASS: None.

Representative Gillard moved to report HB 4501 with recommendation as substitute (H-1).

Representative Burns supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 17-9-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Nofs.

NAYS: Representatives Acciavatti, Shaffer, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Agema, Moss.

PASS: None.

Chairman Cushingberry announced that the committee would proceed to take testimony and discussion on the development of compromise to House Bill 4852 and House Bill 4726.

The following individuals handed in testimony cards on the 911 legislation.

Lieutenant Col. Kriste Etue from the Michigan State Police

Matt Bolger, Michigan State Police

Harriet Miller-Brown, State 911 Coordinator, Emergency Telephone Service Committee

Deborah Robinson, Deputy Chief, from the Detroit Police Department

Mike Scieszka, Michigan Public Safety Communication System

Jon Ishesco, Fire Chief, City of Ypsilanti

Andy Neuman, State Fire Marshall

David Purchase, Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs, Norton Shores

Paul Hufnagel, Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union

Chief Victor Hilbert, Western Michigan Fire Fighters Union

Scott Hopkins Western Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs

Steve Fabiano, Western Michigan Chiefs Association

Chairman Cushingberry made a formal request for a detailed report on the budget of the Detroit Crime Laboratory.

Ronald Farr, Michigan Fire Inspectors, Kalamazoo Township Fire Department

Dr. Susan Smolinski, Michigan Poison Control System, Detroit

Bernard Eisenga, Michigan Poison Control System, Grand Rapids

James Valentine, from Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, Lowell

Jack Fennessey Wayne County Prosecutors

David Morse, Livingston Prosecuting Attorney Association of Michigan

Tom Robertson, Executive Director, Prosecutor Attorney Coordinator Council

The committee stood at ease .

The Chairman called the committee back to order and proceeded with testimony and discussion.

In continuation of the 911 legislation discussion the following individuals handed in testimony cards:

Raymond Beach Jr., Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards  
John Buczek, Michigan Fraternal Order of Police  
David Newman, Michigan Department of Information Technology  
Mike Scieszka, Michigan Public Safety Communication Systems  
Scott Stevenson, Telecommunications Association of Michigan  
Patricia Coates, Oakland County  
Jim Kirsch, AT&T  
Dave Piasecki, AT&T  
David Vehslage of Verizon  
Jared Rodriquez, Grand Rapids Chamber  
Greg White, Michigan Public Service Commission  
Phil Hoffman, Michigan Sheriffs' Association  
Mike Royal, Wayne County Sheriff/Airport Police  
Doug Whetstone, Genesee County Deputy Sheriff's Association  
Mike Hopkins, Kent County Law Enforcement Association  
Clay Jansen, Oakland County Command Officers Association  
Richard Weiler, Michigan Association of Police Organizations  
Gene Wriggelsworth, Ingham County Sheriff's Office  
Tricia Kinley, Michigan Chamber of Commerce  
Scott Braun- President, St. Clair County Deputy Sheriff's Association  
Daniel Heythaler, President Fraternal Order of Police  
A. J. Foster , Fraternal Order of Police, State Lodge of Michigan, Port Huron  
Matt VanLiere, Ottawa County Deputy Sheriff's Association  
Larry Orlowski from the Deputy Sheriffs Association  
David A. Willis, Fraternal Order of Police State Lodge  
Melissa Trustman from the Detroit Regional Chamber  
Erik Hingst of Macomb County  
Mike Batterbee, Small Business Association of Michigan

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, Chairman Cushingberry adjourned the meeting, the time being 4:35 p.m.

**Representative George Cushingberry, Jr. Chair** \_\_\_\_\_  
Darlene Moore, Committee Clerk, (517) 373-2994